

Tractor accident claims retired minister's life

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Wendell Sedgwick, man of God and man of nature, died this past Saturday morning in the place he loved best, out on his farm by Country Road #1.

The 73-year-old Gelert resident was operating his Ford farm tractor when it ran off into a ditch, causing the tractor to roll over and trap him underneath. Sedgwick was the subject of a recent feature in *The Minden*

Times where he discussed his love of nature and hard work, particularly his love of stone fences. He spent the majority of his adult life as a minister in the United Church, serving congregations near Madoc, Campbellford, and Port Hope.

But he always felt his true calling was on the farm. "I didn't like the idea of being a minister," Sedgwick once said. "Don't ask me why. I don't know if I ever did come to like

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911 here at last

JERRY GROZELLE
Staff Reporter

The long anticipated launch of 911 service in Haliburton County took place with much fanfare at the county office in Minden Friday. Representatives from police, ambulance and fire services joined county and municipal representatives, and the 911 Committee, Bell Canada and Northern Communications, the company providing the dispatch services in the momentous occasion.

Haliburton County CAO Jim Wilson offered some background information before introducing the speakers.

"911 is a simple and easy to remember telephone number that makes it possible to reach police, fire and ambulance services quickly and easily. 911 can be dialed from any landline, cellular, internet or pay phone at no charge," he said. "911 provides the caller with a single point contact to all emergency services."

"An educational booklet containing further information about 911 has been mailed out to county residents. Additional copies will be available in municipal offices, libraries, stores and through cottage associations."

Wilson said the 911 project in Haliburton County had its beginnings in 2000. He offered the following data to put some perspective on the scope of the project:

- Total elapsed months since work began by the 911 staff - 42 months
- Total number of traditional roads - 1867;
- Total improved properties - 20,767;
- Total improved properties with telephones - 16,415;
- Approximate number of tele-

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Dysart firefighters had a tough time getting into Camp Kakeka Saturday morning to fight a devastating blaze.

Fire destroys Camp Kakeka building

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

The rustic setting of Camp Kakeka worked against it last weekend when a fire broke out on Saturday morning. The flames moved much

faster than the fire department, which could not get down the unmaintained road with their trucks. Dysart et al Fire Chief Miles Maughan says 14 volunteer firefighters responded to the call and had to be ferried the four kms to the site via

snowmobiles, two of which were borrowed from a good Samaritan. Maughan says the department received the call at 11:25 a.m. but when they got to the 207-acre camp on Basshaunt Lake the dining hall was fully

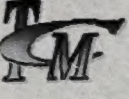
engulfed by the fire. Maughan thinks the hall was built in 1966 after another fire destroyed the previous building in the winter of 1965/66. The Christian Service Brigade operates the

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Lights winners announced soon

Good news for all you Christmas Lights enthusiasts! Last week's nasty weather did delay the judging process slightly but judges did manage to get some work done over the weekend. Winners will be announced in the *Echo's* Christmas supplement, coming out next Tuesday, and the *Minden Times'* supplement, coming out this Friday. First prize will be a \$400 gift certificate to Haliburton Home Hardware and second prize will be a \$200 gift certificate to Haliburton Home Hardware. Third prize is a subscription to both the *Echo* and the *Times*. Our most sincere thanks to Home Hardware for their participation in this popular contest.

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news and events worth noting

The 4Cs Foodbank in Haliburton is not closed. The Lilly-Ann has been temporarily closed to give volunteers a break for the holidays and accommodate the holiday rush at the food bank. Gabrielle Jervais says the thrift store will be closed from Dec. 9 to January 3. The food bank will be maintaining regular business hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Av Petch says the request for Christmas food boxes has "been over the top." Workers are scrambling to prepare the boxes. Anyone donating food is invited to bang loudly on the door to attract their attention if the doors are locked.

The cat came back! There was good news on Sunday for Jeff and Karen Hannisse when they found their missing cat hiding in the basement. One twin sister of a Bengal cat went missing from the Jim Beef Lake home and remained missing for three days. The two rather expensive cats were a recent gift to the family and Karen was devastated when one sister disappeared. The Hannisses were in the process of moving in to their new home and they feared the cat escaped through an open door. Even worse, they were afraid the cat might try to find her way back home. Not one to give up, Karen contacted local newspapers and radio stations asking people if they'd seen the kitty cat. She was thrilled with how responsive people were – parishioners in her church even said they had been praying for the cat. The story had a happy ending, thank goodness, when this descendant of the Asian Leopard Cat was found cowering in the basement. Karen said they had looked in that spot many times but the cat was so scared by the move that she hid out for three days, unfed with nothing to drink. All is well that ends well and the favoured feline is feeling just as good as new.

People need to be wary of responding to e-mail queries by releasing personal banking information. A local business recently told The Echo that they had received several e-mails from supposed banking companies. The e-mails came from Washington Mutual, SunTrust, and Citizens Bank. The e-mails request that customers send in credit card and account numbers along with login/password information related to Internet banking. Anyone who receives a suspicious

request can FAX the Ontario Provincial Police Scam Busters at 705 494-4008.

Lindsay's Victoria County Jail has been sentenced to a new life as a Heritage and Arts Centre. The Victoria County Historical Society is committed to transforming the jail into a new museum and archive. The \$1.2 million project, funded in thirds by the society, provincial and federal governments, includes renovation of the building, construction of a new exhibit hall in the courtyard, conversion of some cells into exhibit space, the installation of washrooms and an elevator. The construction is to be completed next year.

St. John Ambulance has a Christmas idea that could provide the gift of life to the person you love most. The service, locally based in Fenelon Falls, is suggesting that people consider a gift certificate for a CPR course. Statistics show that people who have a heart attack at home have a greater chance of survival if someone performs CPR before the ambulance arrives. Judy Dickson, branch chair, says they often provide courses in Haliburton and offer all levels of CPR training. The service also offers a course for those physically unable to perform CPR, teaching them how to direct others to perform the life-saving service. For more information please call St. John Ambulance at 705 887-4382.

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More cancer services coming

Cancer Society making care more accessible

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Staff Reporter

The Canadian Cancer Society will be establishing more services in Haliburton County, thanks to the sponsorship of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Susan Reid, HHHS director of acute and ambulatory care, says she has been a long-term volunteer with the society and was a unit president before moving to Haliburton. She says her extensive training with the society will make it easier for her to take a leadership position within a Haliburton unit so she volunteered HHHS to sponsor the society.

She says the society does have a Haliburton unit, with headquarters located in Peterborough, but many of the volunteer positions within the unit are not filled.

"We are trying to make cancer care more accessible," says Reid.

It is good timing. The provincial government released the Ontario Cancer Plan last week. The plan outlines six priorities the Ministry of Health will address over the next three years.

Those priorities cover establishing standards, integrating services, increasing spending on prevention and screening programs, speeding up access to services, improving accountability and focusing cancer research efforts. The plan calls on hospitals, Access Centres, cancer centres, community and volunteer services to work together.

Fran O'Hara, Haliburton-Northumberland-Victoria Access Centre executive director, says she is "enthused by the sound priorities identified in the plan" and is looking forward to moving

the plan "from paper to action."

The statistics suggest there is much work to be done in cancer prevention and care. Provincial data suggests that between 2001 and 2007 there will be increases of 36 per cent in prostate cancer, 18 per cent in breast cancer and 16 per cent in colorectal cancer. The statistics suggest a 14 per cent increase in all other cancers.

Locally, the disproportionately large number of seniors throws off numbers for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit area. Statistics from the Health Unit suggest that a crude division of the number of cancer cases divided by the number of people in Haliburton county would overestimate the cancer ratio here. More cases of cancer occur because Haliburton has a population older than the majority of Ontario communities. However, when age is factored in, Haliburton has a ratio of cancer cases slightly lower than the provincial average and the HKPR average.

The number of cancer cases in Haliburton spiked to 448 cases per 100,000 in 1995. From 1983 to 2001 the number ranged up and down between 327 and 448.

O'Hara says the numbers are increasing overall and the cancer care system cannot maintain the status quo and still meet the needs of citizens. Reid says for patients in Haliburton the plan should improve referral times to diagnostic services and clinics.

Anyone interested in more information about cancer statistics or the Canadian Cancer Society should contact the Peterborough office at 705 742-3823.



Wendell Sedgwick was photographed by Lance Crossley just recently. He was shown working in the fields, building stone fences, doing the things he loved best.

Pinestone offers free rooms for folks visiting sick relatives during the holiday season

Capturing the true spirit of giving, Delta Pinestone Resort's annual program, A Home for the Holidays, will offer complimentary accommodation to out-of-town families caring for hospitalized relatives.

Delta Pinestone Resort is again partnering with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) to offer free rooms between December 19 and January 9. Both the Minden and Haliburton hospital locations may participate in this program.

"Through A Home for the Holidays, Delta Pinestone Resort can give families the comfort of a home away from home while they care for a loved one in hospital," says Scott de Savoye, general manager of Delta Pinestone Resort.

Those who wish to participate in A Home for the Holidays may apply directly through the HHHS. The hospital's program administrator will then make reservations for qualified visitors with the

hotel. A limited number of rooms are available.

Delta Pinestone Resort has participated in a number of community projects, including Adopt-a-Highway, Fleming College's Feast of Foods and support of the annual Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Rotary Charity Golf Classic tournament.

A Home for the Holidays, which has assisted thousands of families since it was launched in 1990, is a core element of Delta Cares, Delta's community relations program. Each year the 7,500 employees of Delta Hotels support a number of charitable projects through Delta Cares by taking part in various initiatives. These include activities benefiting Delta's national charity, Special Olympics Canada, and supporting Adopt-a-Shelter, a joint program with Fairmont Hotels & Resorts and the Canadian Women's Foundation that partners hotels with local women's shelters.

Gelert man will be remembered for his love of God and nature

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being a minister."

As a youngster, he delayed his high school graduation to help his father on the farm, who was afflicted with poor circulation. Persuaded by others that the ministry was a more viable pursuit, he started to study at Queen's university, steering him firmly toward his ministerial vocation.

Upon retirement in 1997, Sedgwick returned to the family farm he grew up on, saying with great pride, "I have come back to my roots."

Sedgwick was noted for the sprawling beauty of his stone fences, which framed his land like the masterpiece he regarded it as. He was enthralled with the tiny

connections of existence, once saying, "It's the whole mix of life. It's all bound up together in one way or another. The interdependence of life. It's there and it's absolutely fascinating. And if you've got your eyes open, you learn a little more about it as you live."

Once a minister of souls, he concluded his life as a minister of stones, endeavouring to find purpose for all God's creatures. An engineer of harmony, now it is time for Wendell Sedgwick to find his own.

Friends can pay their respects Wednesday night at Monk Funeral Services in Minden. The funeral is scheduled for Thursday at 1p.m. at Minden United Church.

Camp building worth nearly a million

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camp. Neighbours from across the lake report seeing smoke rolling upwards from the back portion of the roof before seeing flames. The roof had collapsed and the walls were caving in when the fire department arrived.

Maughan says they brought in portable pumps and hoses and pumped water from the lake to put out the fire and to protect the other camp buildings. The main building, though, had already burnt to the ground. The estimated value of the building is \$800,000.

No one was injured by the fire. Maughan says the department volunteers stayed for seven hours on Saturday and he returned on Sunday to investigate the fire with staff from the Fire Marshall's office. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

By Sunday afternoon, news of the fire had already spread via Internet to families who send their children there for summer camp.

An Ottawa family phoned the *Echo* on Monday looking for more information after already hearing about the disaster via e-mail.



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Reindeer girls

Little reindeer girls were the order of the day at Stuart Baker Elementary School as children came dressed as their favorite Christmas things. Back left is Brin Meyers, Sydney Cameron, May Black and Natalie Griffin. In front, Christina Stephen and Paiten Smolen.

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The launch of 9-1-1 service in Haliburton County took place last Friday afternoon. Emergency Services representatives, county officials and the 9-1-1 dispatch service gathered for a photo in front of the county office prior to the official launch. They are, left to right: Highlands East Fire Chief Don Middleton, Dysart et al Fire Chief and County Fire Services Co-ordinator Miles Maughan, Minden Hills Fire Chief Doug Schell, Stanhope Fire Department Fire Chief John Hogg, County Warden Bill Davis, Northern Communications Manager Mike Shantz, Emergency Medical Services Manager Bob English, OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli and acting Staff Sergeant of the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment Tim Pierce.

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phone numbers - 21,085; and

• Estimated project cost - \$2.2 million.

County Warden Bill Davis welcomed everyone and said, "This is a historic time for the County of Haliburton. This project took some time to put together. I can't stand here and tell you there weren't pitfalls along the way. But we are here today and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who were involved in this 911 project, from the clerks and the people across the road [at the 911 office], the people out in the field to the organizations beyond the scope of the County of Haliburton who had input.

Theresa Mansfield, Manager of 911 for Bell Canada for this region said the achievement being celebrated represents a very important milestone in public safety for every person in the province of Ontario.

"Yours is a fully enhanced 911 service and it is available to every telephone customer regardless of telephone exchange," Mansfield said. She noted that the caller's

911 finally here

number and address appears on the dispatcher's screen, saying, "This is especially critical if the caller is a young child or anyone else who is unable to give an accurate address."

Mike Shantz of Northern Communications said it was great to see so many people turn out for the launch of 911, especially since a winter storm was brewing. He said, "There may be some 911 calls in the next little while.

Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott told the audience that the implementation of 911 services will result in safer communities within Haliburton County. "911 pulls everyone together," she said. She commended everyone who worked so hard to make the launch of the 911 service possible.

The OPP service was represented by acting Staff Sergeant Tim Pierce and Staff

Sergeant Bob Walli, who is on assignment at the district headquarters in Orillia. Walli noted that when he came to Haliburton County in 1999 from an area that already had 911 service it was a major adjustment for him. He said that new officers who came to the area also faced that adjustment. Walli said that the OPP responded to two very serious calls last week and the civic addressing that was already in place "saved time and made a big difference."

"Today is a very important day in the County of Haliburton," said Bob English, Manager of Emergency Services. "The implementation of 911 is a huge step toward improving our emergency response capabilities," as the information given."

Miles Maughan, Dysart et al Fire Chief and Co-ordinator of Fire Services for Haliburton County said 911 will be a huge

improvement in the delivery of emergency services. He said the civic addressing has already proven very beneficial in getting the appropriate emergency personnel to the right location as quickly as possible. "Time is critical and 911 makes it quicker," he said.

"This is a non-emergency call. Is this a good time to do a test?" Davis asked the dispatcher. The response was that it was a good time or a test and asked what emergency service was required. "We need an ambulance at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden," Davis said.

The dispatcher asked if the patient was awake. Davis replied that the patient was awake, drawing a laugh from the audience. The dispatcher asked the nature of the call and Davis explained that he was calling on behalf of Haliburton County to test the 911 system. At this time we are now online and alive," Davis said. "Thank you for your assistance."

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New service worth the price

Almost four years after the project was launched, Haliburton County has joined the rest of the province in providing 911 emergency service. County Warden Bill Davis officially tested the system at the opening ceremony on Friday. He called the 911 dispatch centre, gave the address of the county building on Newcastle Street, and within a minute, the sound of the ambulance approaching could be heard.

While the test was hardly a challenging one, given that the ambulance base is only a few hundred metres away from the county building, it was intended to show how simply and efficiently emergency calls can now be handled.

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All of those involved with this massive project - the biggest every undertaken by county officials - are justifiably proud of what has been accomplished. It has taken longer than anticipated,

and it continues to be the object of frustration for many area residents, but there is no question that when all of the inevitable minor glitches and shortcomings are solved, everyone who lives here or passes through the area, will have better access to police, fire, ambulance and other emergency services because of the 911 project.

The scale and complexity of the project have been daunting, as some of the statistics cited at Friday's launch confirm. Within the 4,450 square kilometre landmass of Haliburton County are more than 2,000 named roads, more than 21,000 properties, and almost 22,000 telephone numbers.

Inevitably, the project and its organizers faced criticism on many fronts as key components of the 911 system were put in place. The most common complaint has been about the need to rename more than 900 roads to avoid duplication or similarity. Property owners on roads to be renamed were given a chance to offer suggestions, but many paid no attention, or didn't talk to neighbours to find consensus. As a result, some truly uninspired, inappropriate and downright silly names now blight the local landscape: *Couch, Two Dogs, Pappas, Fact, Four Wheel, Duded, Before Long, Barney Miller* to cite a few examples.

It might reasonably be argued that someone, or some group of people working on 911, should have imposed a little more discipline on the naming process and eliminated the worst of these names. In some cases the changes required made little or no sense, such as the elimination of Dover Spring Road. (The new road sign, designating it as Fred Jones Road, after a well known former citizen who developed Drag Lake Lodge, at least acknowledges that the road was formerly Dover Spring Road). In other cases, names that had historical roots, or that simply made geographical sense, were scrapped. These changes have not enriched the landscape, and if they can be rethought in the near future, many people will no doubt be willing to offer more appropriate alternatives. In the meantime, what matters most is whether the new names let emergency crews arrive at the right spot in the shortest possible time.

Ultimately, the system will only work well if every property owner makes sure they know the name of the road they live on as it is entered in 911, and their 911 property number. Using and old, familiar name, when a new one has been put in place, could prove to be a fatal mistake.

Over the next few months the system will be refined, and no doubt, improved. In the meantime we can rest a little easier, knowing that in an emergency, help is just a three digit phone number away.



Icicles shaped by the wind

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Defending traditions

This is the season---the Christmas season---when gift giving and decorations and turkey and sweets and family traditions come to the fore. These may not, however, be the most significant aspects. Rather, the spirit of caring and sharing, of harmony and good will, could have the greatest influence on our increasingly diverse society.

Christmas commemorates the birth of the Christ Child but it is not a worldwide celebration. In other places with other dominant religions, other festivals are important. For example, the Islamic festival marking the end of the month of Ramadan in late autumn and Hanukkah, the Jewish week-long festival of celebration in December are two of the most significant in our Canadian kaleidoscope of cultures. Our Christmas completes the triad of festivals as the year ends.

To a great extent, before modern times, being completely separate seemed viable. Now people of other faiths come to our country, and some of Christian ancestry in our country embrace these other religions. We associate, we intermarry. Our celebrations, however, seem less inclusive than other aspects of our interactions.

Christianity, the foundation of our country, indeed of most of the Western World, is central to our laws, our morals, our way of life. Even as, more and more, we acknowledge other religions, we Christians seem confused about defining our own. Several of our grandchildren attend a school where even the little ones have been taught about Ramadan and Hanukkah in a spirit of inclusiveness. The celebration of Christmas celebrated with a morning of singing carols and other Christmas songs, however, is called one of Peace. This school's focus is not an exception in our country today. It supposedly is inclusive, goes the reasoning, for it gathers in all the children - the Muslims, Jews, non-believers, as well as Christians. But Christianity is shortchanged. Why are we so reluctant to trumpet the true meaning of Christmas?

Much of this attitude is no doubt propelled by

the retailing industry. If we can all be convinced that this is really a secular, therefore inclusive, celebration by labelling Christmas the "Holiday Season," (now there is an inclusive term!) then everyone will join the party and buy.

Surely over time in this country, which is rightly proud of its emphasis on multi-culturalism, we can do a better job of integrating those aspects of the celebrations that we have in common - and not just learn to honour other religious festivals as we slide ours under the radar, so to speak, when we give it euphemistic labels. How could this be done? Who knows? For one thing, we might begin to insist that our festival of

Christmas be increasingly acknowledged in media blurbs if retailers want us to buy their products. At the same time, perhaps some integration will gradually evolve naturally as more families, through intermarriage, find themselves trying to juggle and merge the various traditions while retaining the essential differences of each.

One possible solution, needing only creativity and culinary aptitude, may be available. In the city

centre of Vancouver, where peoples of many lands have settled, the mix of cultures is becoming a rather tasty stew. One leader in this evolution, a chef who comes from Oriental traditions, now combines the Scottish Robbie Burns Day with the Chinese New Year and serves Haggis Bok Choy - a very popular dish. The possibilities of merging the special foods of Ramadan and Hanukkah with ours of Christmas are mind-boggling. Just imagine the turkey dressing that could result from such an integration!

This is the season when sharing comes front and centre. To try to integrate our various beliefs is not the goal but combining some of the traditional foods that are served in each of our celebrations would gradually get us to at least acknowledge both the variety and the commonality of our beliefs and our special celebrations. As well, we Christians might once again proudly trumpet our celebration which focuses on the birth of the Christ child.



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What was I thinking?

Imagine my surprise when I read the Letters to the Editor in last week's *Echo*. There, bold as brass, was an impassioned letter written by a bright and obviously principled young woman, describing my column about deer antlers ("Talking about big racks"), as, among other things, "distasteful" and "demeaning towards women."

Gosh, it seems that these days, a person can't write about something as wholesome as a hunter's love for big deer antlers without another person twisting it around into something cheap and tawdry. How the letter writer equated deer antlers with female breasts, that most sacred source of all human life, I'll never know.

tales from



steve
galea

vinegar hill

Okay, perhaps it had something to do with several purely accidental double entendres. Perhaps, but there's no use crying over spilt milk. So let's get right down to addressing some finer points in her letter.

Essentially, what we're talking about here is a failure to communicate. You see, since reading the letter, I've learned that "rack" is not just a deer-hunting term. No, it's also a slang term also used to denote a pair of female breasts. Oh, how I wish I'd known that at

the time.

The important thing is that I know now. And in order to avoid such offensive statements in the future, I've done some serious research on the subject.

Here's what I learned. First off, it's highly improper to use the term rack if they happen to be armed with machine gun implants as seen in the Austin Power's movies. Then, the term "jugglies" is far more appropriate and socially acceptable. Even so, I assure you, that I don't condone the gratuitous use of either word - at least not so long as the term "hooters" remains in vogue.

Of course, these are small but important distinctions that we responsible journalists must make if we are to lead society past these sexist pitfalls that we routinely create.

With that cleared up, let me then comment on the writer's assertion that the 600-word column in question "stripped away every right that women have fought for the last 100 years." If you think about it that's one year for every six words. You might find this surprising but a lot of people don't place nearly that much importance on my writing. Most would have blamed me for 10, maybe 15 months, of regression tops.

Okay, now let's get serious. First off, in the spirit of the season, I'll offer an apology to the multitude of women, who the letter writer claims that I've offended. Hey, if I affronted you, and bear in mind that I'm still not sure I'm allowed to use that term, I'm sorry. Truly. No joke.

The point of this column has always been to put a smile on your face, without ever having to resort to emotions). Admittedly, I'm not the best columnist you're ever going to read, but then again, who am I to make those sweeping pronouncements for you?

Personally, I don't think the column in question was that bad. Sure, it was full of double-entendres, but they are only effective if the readers mind is going there in the first place. And, if you're mind went there, well, I guess that's kind of funny to me.

The truth is, I assumed then, and will always assume, that my readers are intelligent people who can either laugh or groan at a joke. They see my humour for what it is and not just part of a highly successful international conspiracy to set back women's rights a century or so.

Til now, I've made it a point never to respond to letters to the editor; I get enough space, and I've always found value and, often, wisdom in the viewpoints of others - so long as they are wise enough to agree with mine.

But I'm going to admit that I am offended by the claim that my column amounted to barbaric sexual harassment. First off, barbarians couldn't spell nearly as well as I do. Moreover, I think that statement is actually demeaning to those women who are dealing with real issues of harassment right now. You can, after all, put the newspaper down. It won't chase you.

Chauvinist, though I might be, I'd like to think that the women who read my column, as well as the rights they've fought for, are a little more secure than one indignant reader gives them credit for. I'd like to think that they can give as good as they get and laugh with the rest of the world - even at the stupid jokes. You see, the women in my life have always been strong enough to do that.

It's actually so much a part of my world that it's expected. But maybe I'm wrong. Maybe attitudes haven't changed all that much. I'm open-minded enough to give that some serious thought, and I'll do that too - right after I finish the dishes.



pic of the past

This week we have another picture the famous local resort, then known as Wig-a-Mog, as it looked about 70 years ago. In subsequent years the lodge was greatly expanded and transformed, of course, so that this structure is hardly recognizeable as part of the present complex. Lodges such as Wig-a-Mog and many others, were at the forefront of the fledgling tourist industry the Haliburton in the 1930's and 40's, before there was much cottage development. Photo courtesy of Barbara Hodgson-Medd.

letters to the editor

Columnist 'like a 16 year old boy'

To the Editor:

In regards to "the not so great Steve Galea", who wrote the article in November 23 newspaper, titled "Talking about big racks".

Every week I flip through the pages of the *Haliburton County Echo* reading articles of interest to me. Immediately this article caught my attention. Being a 16-year-old female not knowing much about hunting, the first thing that popped into my mind when I read the title was breasts. I decided to read the article and by the end of the first paragraph I was shocked. To have the audacity to write about "big racks" and imply at the very end of the article that he is talking about hunting proves that he is a chauvinistic male with one thing on his mind. I found the column extremely offensive and so did many other people I know, females and males alike.

I never would of thought that a grown man could be so disrespectful to women, and enjoy it. If anything I would say he's more like the 16-year-old boys I know, rather than a grown man. And even saying that is giving him too much respect, because a respectable man would never have written anything along those lines. The way he takes pride in what he wrote and seems to find it funny, not only offends me tremendously, but also makes me wonder why and how this amuses him.

Perhaps in the future Galea might consider how his words can have such a huge impact on others, instead of just the humor and pride he has taken,

for his own pleasure.

Once again I must say how upset I am about this column, as well as *The Echo* for printing such disrespectful and immature column.

Summer Wilcox
Haliburton

Another perspective on Steve

To the Editor:

In regard to the controversial "Big Rack" story written by Steve Galea a few weeks back, I guess a difference in personalities could account for differences in opinion. Personally, I found the article to be very amusing, as I find the majority of Steve's articles to be. One of my main focuses on reading the *Haliburton County Echo* each week is to see what Steve Galea is up to. I find his articles range from very deep emotion to extreme humour. It took me by surprise to see the extremely negative comments perceived by Jenna Wilcox in her editorial. The article itself talked about "hunting" and never once mentioned "women". Does this mean I should be closely examining my husbands "Rack" hunting magazine which comes each month in the mail? Keep a good sense of humour and life will flow a lot smoother.

Linda Nottage
(a woman & a hunter)

More letters on page 8

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Access to proposed clinic needs to be rethought

To the Editor:

On December 6th, I attended a Public Meeting at the Haliburton Municipal Office. The purpose of the meeting was to re-zone property next to the Hospital and permit use for a medical clinic and laboratory and reduce the front building setback to 4.5 metres.

A critical issue is that total access to this busy facility would be on Grass Lake Road (GLR), not Gelert Road (formerly Cty. road 1).

Undoubtedly, we do have a need to attract doctors to Haliburton and prepare for increased medical services to better serve our community; however safe access to the site is vital.

GLR is a narrow "no exit" residential road which provides the only access for the Primary and Elementary schools and secondary access to the High School. (I believe that this amounts to over 1,000 students.)

If you haven't driven down the road before- just picture this:

Daily there is a high volume of traffic caused by school buses and parents driving their children to and from the schools; traffic backs up on to Gelert Road and GLR.

Vehicles are double-parked, people run across the road, make u-turns and through traffic is difficult.

Children run and play right up to and beyond the unfenced perimeter of the school property.

The schools use GLR for cross country runs and part of their nature trail walks.

Whenever events are held at the schools or in the school parks, vehicles park on both sides of the road, (directly across from the proposed site).

GLR residents (including Fleming College cabins) use the road as their only means of access.

In winter when road conditions further deteriorate, snowmobilers try to reach Grass Lake via the road constantly, even illegally crossing school property to do so.

In addition to the above... picture a two storey medical building and a 121 space parking lot built on the corner of GLR and Gelert Road:

All residents needing medical tests and doctor appointments will turn in to GLR daily (compare this to the current location in town which has access from several directions and still has traffic and parking issues). That's a lot of nasty traffic congestion!

In case of emergency, or construction on the road, all traffic would be impeded, since there is no other exit on GLR.

I did not hear concerned parents or School Board members speak up at the public meeting and hope it was because they were not aware of this meeting and/or the proposal.

Writing this letter is the only way I could think of to give them the opportunity to become informed and appeal this decision.

We need to progress, that's true, but let's not take one step forward and two steps back.

If public safety is at risk, is that progress?

You decide. There are only 20 days from the date of decision (Dec.13th) to appeal.

Although there will be engineers looking at the road early in the new year, their report will only be presented after the appeal deadline is past, unless the deadline is extended. Call the Dysart Municipal Office at 457-1740 for further information.

Thank you
Sandre Daoust

Galea column should be read again, this time with pinch of salt

To the Editor:

I would like to reply to the letter by Jenna Wilcox concerning the article by Steve Galea "Talking about a Big Rack".

I am also a woman living in this area, much older than 18 (maybe not wiser), a wife and a mother. How naïve am I to think this article was not about women and their "racks"? How gullible was I to think that Mr. Galea was talking about hunting and the big racks that "hunters" look for on deer during hunting season. I thought that because this article was written shortly after deer season and he used the term hunters he was referring to deer antlers. The men and women in my family hunt and to them a "rack" means antlers.

I don't like to read or hear anything degrading about anyone but neither do I go looking for it. I believe in the rights of women and men, freedom of speech and religion and the right to your own opinion. I do believe that people today read more into things than they should and are sometimes too quick to jump to conclusions. I hope that Ms. Wilcox and anyone else that read the article and was offended will read it again (with a pinch of salt) and see that it's maybe not so bad.

Linda Sisson,
West Guilford



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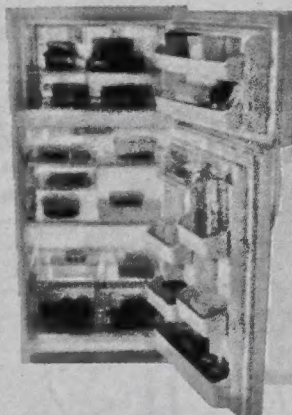
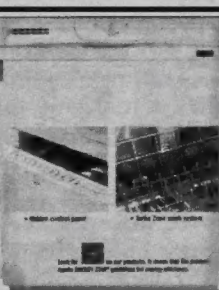
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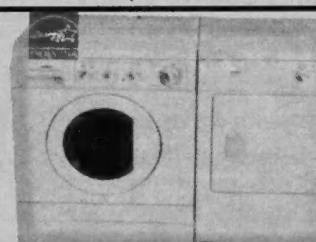
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12 years old by then. His health has deteriorated much faster than anticipated, however, and he may not even be able to wait until April before this procedure will be needed. The family is hoping to give Korey time to finish his year in College before the surgery takes place. This transplant will cause a rippling effect for all concerned. Keegan is expected to be in hospital for at least three months, while Korey may be out in a week with 8-10 weeks recuperation time expected. Keegan may be hospitalized longer if he has any rejection effects.

The middle child, Kalem, as well as parents Hank and Diane, will be trying to carry on the family business at Haliburton Forest, "The Cookhouse", while having to be in accommodations in Toronto for at least three months.

I am asking for donations to a trust fund to be used

to ease the financial stress that will occur during this time. If we can relieve one area of concern, the experience will be somewhat easier for the Kyles. I understand that if accommodations were offered Diane would still have to pay parking costs and if they stay at Ronald MacDonald House, they will still have costs of approximately \$20/person/night. That can get very expensive over three months, not to mention buying food and other hospital expenses.

Please send your donations to the CIBC in Haliburton and Minden Transit # 3242 Acct #0986534 The Kyle Family in Trust, or add to the collection bottles that will be distributed around the county.

Cathy Lancia
Neighbor and Friend.

Broadside over the top

To the Editor:

Pardon me but I must respond to a recent virulent and somewhat self-righteous attack on my friend Steve Galea. I know Steve to be a dedicated father in a loving and loyal family. Chauvinist he is most definitely not. Tongue-in-cheek he definitely is and with this firmly planted (sometimes in both cheeks at once) he makes occasional and whimsical incursions into the Battle of the Sexes. Most of the time he is the one who takes the fall.

While I do not share his enthusiasm for the hunt, I sincerely admire his well crafted and sensitive writing on the beauties of nature and his concern for the environment. The "Rack" piece probably deserved a warning shot over his bow. The 21 gun broadside was a tad over the top.

Stan Beard
Wilberforce

Library closure a humbug

To the Editor:

A grinch must have sneaked into the County Library headquarters. This particular grinch must hate readers. Dysart branch is the busiest in the County and it will be closed for nine days from December 24 to January 3rd.

Many folks eat and drink a fair bit at Christmas but the more talented ones can do that plus read.

Nine days is a long time to go without getting a new book fix. Bah! Humbug!

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This performance was part of an initiative to encourage students to acquire self-confidence through performing. Community mentors provided support and technical expertise to the show. The class is taught by Elke Zilla.

*This play was sponsored by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Program Enhancement Fund.

Above: Bugsy Malone, played by Benton Brown, receives a kiss from love interest Blousey, performed by Jade MacInnes at the play's finale.

Top right: The trumpeter wails dressed in a colourful costume.

Right: Loretta (Tanis Carey), Tallulah (Jill Lewis), Fat Sam's girlfriend, Bangles (Ashley Sharpe), and Dotty (Krista Miscio) perform their sultry number as Bugsy watches on.

Bottom right: The Tip Toe Tappers do their best to win the audience during their audition scene in the play.

Bottom left: Blousey (Jade MacInnes) sings her solo.

Below: Fat Sam (Brian McNeil) and his gang wait.



Photos by Darren Lum



Lions give healthcare a boost

The Haliburton and District Lions Club recently presented Dorothy Menton, a member of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, a cheque for \$1,500. This represents the proceeds from the big band dance held this past August. The Lions Club has donated a total of \$6,000 since 1988 to the healthcare facilities. The Foundation expressed its appreciation for these hard-working and dedicated volunteers.



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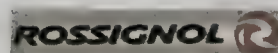
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RICHARD VAN NOOD

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It could have been the tournament that nobody showed up for. Saturday, December 11 will be remembered for lots of snow and even more great hockey. With an 8 a.m. start and many unplowed roads one would think that even the most dedicated hockey parents would not be able to get their young hockey players to the arena on time. Think again. Let's play hockey!

The Haliburton Subway Pee Wee AE team was on the ice with 13 of their 14 players to face the Ennismore Eagles. This was a very tight checking game from the start with scoring chances coming few and far between. With only 46 seconds remaining in the first period Kelly Outram released a bullet shot from the point to put the Storm ahead 1-0. The score would remain the same until 5:52 of the 2nd period when Ennismore scored to tie the game. The game would end 1-1. This was a hard fought game between two evenly matched teams.

At noon the Storm would be pitted against the Bears from Belleville. The Bears would lead the Storm by a score of 3-0 by the end of the first period. The Storm fought back in the 2nd with a nice goal by Alex Treharne. The score would remain 3-1 until the last 6 seconds of the game when Belleville would add one more to finish the game 4-1. During the regular season this Storm team plays in a very tough division. They frequently play teams from much larger centres, and sometimes even "A" teams. Maybe that is why the score was as close as it was. Belleville would go on to win the tournament by beating the Napanee Stars (a team we tied 1-1 in regulation time at the Port Hope tournament) 8-1.

Game 3 had the Storm up against the Lakefield Chiefs. Again this would turn out to be a competitive contest between two evenly matched teams. Zane Zondervan would score the only goal for Storm in the first period. The game would end with a 2-1 win for the Chiefs. Although disappointed about not being able to compete in the finals on Sunday, the Haliburton Subway Pee Wee AE's should hold their heads high. They made every game a good contest.

I would like to thank Wade MacInnes for his hard work in making this tournament a success. We had many compliments during the day. I would also like to thank all the parents who made sure that everything ran smoothly throughout the day. We also had many sponsors who donated prizes for our raffle table but unfortunately I did not have an updated list at the time this letter was written.



Celebration: An Atom AE Storm player raises his stick in celebration after scoring the sixth and final goal against Ennismore (6-1) in the SilverStick tournament. See further details on the game in future editions.

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Midget AEs storm back from one goal deficit in third

Highland Storm 5 Parry Sound 4

On Saturday December 11th, G. J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Midget AE took to the road facing Parry Sound for their fourth game of the season held in Parry Sound.

The first period was played hard ending 1-0 for Highland Storm with Tim Pettit scoring for the Storm assisted by Max Ambridge and Joe Gallagher at 7:41. The second period was a strong come back by Parry Sound with three goals scored, despite a good defensive effort, by Josh Townsend and Zack Pierson, throughout the period. Along with Kenton Winn and Mackie Campbell working well to keeping the puck moving away from the Storm end. Final goal of the second period at 1:31 was the second of the evening for Tim Pettit unassisted and the team started to come back during the last remaining minutes. The

second period ended Parry Sound 3 Highland Storm 2. The third period started off with a goal at 14:29 by Kenton Winn assisted by Tyler Watson and Max Ambridge. The team continued to come back defensively and although the next goal went to Parry Sound, Highland Storm came back with a goal from Tyler Watson assisted by Kenton Winn and Matt Clements. In what has become the Highland Storm form Joe Gallagher scored with 0:43 seconds left in the third period to come back and win the game Highland Storm 5 Parry Sound 4. The netminders JD Crowe and Joel MacPhee both played great with their goaltending for the Storm. Great come back team!

Remember the Silverstick Tournament December 18/19th held in Minden for the Midget AE, everyone is welcome to come and watch a game or two or three and cheer on the team.

Two goal lead not enough against Eagles

Highland Storm 4 Ennismore 4

On Dec 5th The Storm Bantam A's played host to a potential first round playoff competitor in the Ennismore Eagles at the Haliburton arena. The first period saw plenty of opportunities for both teams but both goalies were solid and the Storm's Jordan Collins kept his team in the game. Ennismore scored in the final seconds of the period and then again quickly in the opening minutes of the second, but then got into some penalty trouble and the Storm's power play went to work quickly.

Brady Hicks took a rebound off of a Steve Miscio shot and cut the lead in half. Less than 2 minutes later Matt Eno evened the score at 2. The Storm came out of the 2nd intermission just flying and Steve Miscio capped a brilliant rush with a wicked shot that bulged the twine and the Storm had a 1 goal lead. Then Derek Carpenter added another with the assists going to Colin Callaghan and Steve Miscio. But Ennismore didn't quit and before the period was over managed to salvage the tie. Final score 4-4.

Storm Tyke's dominate second game

KATHY MCKELVEY-BROWN

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Tyke team found themselves on the winning side of the scoreboard on Sunday, December 5th after facing off against a weaker Port Carling team which were playing only their second game of the season. During the first period and half of the second the majority of the action remained in Port Carling's zone. A surprise move happened when the coaching staff had the teams change goalies,

giving the Storm goalie, Logan Churko, a little more action and letting Port Carlings' catch his breathe.

Highlights: Sydney Cameron, Morgan Hamilton and Joel Fedeski scored their first goal of the season. The entire team contributed to the scoring with points for goals and helpers going to William Stephenson, Owen Flood, Connor Gadway and "hat tricks" and assists going to Joel, Austen McKay, Braden Roberts, Devon Upton and Braydin Hollows.

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Red Hawks curling reigns

TOM DIBBLEE

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The Gore Mutual Zone Curling Championships took place on Saturday December 4, 2004 in Woodville and Sunday December 5, 2004 at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club. There were seven boys teams from Crestwood, Thomas A. Stewart, Fenelon Falls, St. Peter's, LCVI and two teams from HHSS. There were six girls teams from Crestwood, LCVI, St. Peter's, two Fenelon teams and the girls from HHSS.

The HHSS A-Team: Jake Walker, Ed Cyr, Connor Duhaime and Jeff Sobil. **The B-Team:** Mike Flowers, Andrew Flowers, Scott Fennell, David Wright and alternate Chris Hosken.

The HHSS girls team: Coral Pratt, Jessica Pottier, Karen Cox-Gurdon, Amy Nicholls and Sky McBride.

Jake Walker's rink returned victorious as the A-Side Trophy winners in the double knock-out bonspiel. They had three successive wins (two requiring an extra end!) The first game pit them against the other HHSS Curling Team (luck of the draw) with Walker's team winning 7 to 5. Their second game was against their good pals and friendly rivals from Fenelon Falls. HHSS won that game 11 to 9 with Walker getting two in the extra end. An awesome achievement considering HHSS took four in the fifth end but gave up four in the seventh end putting them behind by two "coming home". It came down to skip rocks with Walker tying the game in the eighth end forcing an extra end. The HHSS team took two in the extra

end for their second win of the week-end. The third game was a nailbiter against LCVI with lots of strategy, execution and blank ends. This game went back and forth and also required an extra end to determine the winner. The game was a definite crowd pleaser and an excellent display of curling skill, technique and finesse. Way to go boys.

The Walker team advances to the Gore Mutual Regional Curling Championship next January in Toronto.

Mike Flower's rink had an awesome weekend, competitive to the end, and produced amazing results under extreme pressure. Coach Lise Ainsley was very proud of their efforts. They lost the first game to the other HHSS team 7 to 5 but gave Walker's team a good run for their money. They won their second game 10 to 4 against St. Peter's. They lost their third game to Crestwood 8 to 2. The boys had an awesome foray into the world of curling bonspiels. This group showed amazing character on and off the ice.

Our girls team gained valuable experience over the two-day bonspiel. They lost their first game to St. Peter's 9 to 2 but showed determination and class in their games. The second game was against LCVI and they lost 9 to 3. They had one costly ending giving up four but they kept on honing their skills. A fine showing girls!

Coach, Chauffeur and Cheerleader Tom Dibblee is very proud of all of our HHSS curlers. Thank you to all the team members, volunteer drivers, parents, organizers and Youth Curling Clubs. Haliburton County is grooming some keen, capable and competitive curlers.



Lead Jeff Sobil, Second Connor Duhaime, Vice Ed Cyr, Skip Jake Walker



Skip Mike Flowers, Vice Andrew Flowers, Second Scott Fennell and Lead David Wright (absent from photo alternate Chris Hosken)



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Haliburton curling club news

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to the Echo

We at the club have had a busy few weeks of curling and socializing as you can see from the following results.

Our team of Terry Roche, Skip, Tom Harkness, Vice, Case Bassie, 2nd and Larry Holden as lead were the grand champs at the Sloan's Senior Men's Bonspiel held recently in Gravenhurst. Congrats to you all.

Haliburton sent two teams to the 4 Town Senior Ladies Bonspiel held in Minden on Nov 23rd. Shirley Howse and Diane Tiggert skipped the teams.

November 30th two teams from Haliburton participated in the Masters held at Minden. The teams were skipped by Ron Barr and Glen Smith.

Dec 1st Ron Barr and Glen Smith skipped two teams in Fenelon Falls at the 4 Town Senior Men's Bonspiel. I am told they competed well.

On Dec 3rd Ron Barr skipped a team at the Bancroft Curling Club.

Our annual Christmas party on Saturday Dec 4th was well attended by members of the curling club. Santa was there and all good girls and boys got to sit on his lap with their Christmas list and wishes. The dinner was superb and music enjoyable to make a super evening for all.

All Club Members please note that curling after the New Year will begin on January 3rd.

Schedules to follow.

Good Curling.



DARREN LUM/Echo

(left to right) Terry Roche, skip, Tom Harkness, vice, Case Bassie, second, and Larry Holden, lead, won the Sloan's Senior Men's Bonspiel in Gravenhurst on the Nov. 27 - 28 weekend. Sponsored by the Delta PineStone Resort in Haliburton, the team was one of ten to finish undefeated during the spiel. Their goal is to compete at other curling clubs in the area.



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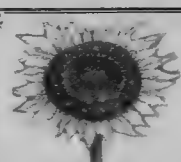
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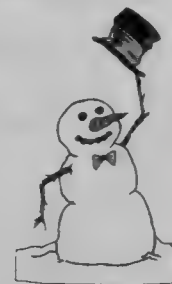
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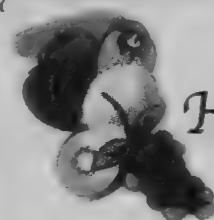


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Storm pull out victory in tug 'o war battle

Highland Storm 7 Parry Sound 5

With the snow falling periodically on Saturday, Dec 3, the Rowden Construction/ M.W Hunter Lumber Atom "A's" were glad to be staying home to meet the competition. With the record 1-1 with Parry Sound, the match was bound to be tight. Non-stop, end-to-end action had the crowd on the edge of their seats. The score was up, down, tied, then back up again. Marc Dobie and Rob Lewis had to be on their toes at all times and ready for anything. They both got a good workout with many shots thrown at them, and they made some outstanding saves. The end of the first showed the Storm with a lead of one, with two goals by Brett Yake and one from Dillon

Upton. Ryan Hunter, back from sabbatical, assisted along with DJ Howorko and Mike Mazara.

The game was a fierce battle with pushing, punching, and penalties. Zach Boice and Jon Salvatori played hard on the blue line while Jordan Howe made his presence known without fear. Cole Rowden played a superior game on defence, something definitely needed in this game. Scoring in the second was Nick Hunter with two and Dillon Upton with one. Assists went to Tanner Ballantyne and Stephan Scollig.

By the third period, it was down to the crunch. DJ popped in the final goal and the Storm had a two-goal lead. In the last two minutes of play, DJ received a penalty, Parry Sound pulled their goalie and

the A's faced a two-man power play. Parry Sound played strong and too many close calls had fans biting their nails. The tension was heart stopping for the final two minutes as all eyes were on the clock. But the hard work paid off and the Storm won 7-5.

The next day the team faced Gravenhurst. The Gravenhurst team put up a real fight and showed that they learned how the Storm play and were ready. It was like a repeat of the game from the day before with a lot of back-and-forth rushes, lots of contact and many scuffles around the net. Both Rob Lewis and Marc Dobie made some sparkling saves while guarding the posts and let only the impossible get by. John Rae stood strong and was able to predict

the play and was ready for the opposition. In a replay of the previous game, with two minutes left and Ryan Hunter in the penalty box, Gravenhurst pulled their goalie. Jon Salvatori and Cole Rowden put on a show around the net while Mike Mazara and Jordan Howe snuggled the corners. Nick Hunter seemed to always show up out of the blue when there was a Gravenhurst rush and was able to end their momentum. Zach Boice made some splendid rushes and nice shots on net but these were turned back by the goalie. At the end, the hard effort showed in the score, 5-3. Goals were scored by Yake, DJ Howorko, Ryan Hunter and Tanner Ballantyne. Assists from Zach Boice, Jon Salvatori and John Rae.

Storm Novices persevere over hot goaltender

MIKE LOPEZ

Staff Reporter

This past Sunday, December 5th saw the Novices overturn the Port Carling Thunder 13 -2. The Novices took a modest 2 -0 lead in the first, with goals from Jacob Sisson and Tyler Barry. Curtis Ballantyne drew the lone assist on the first tally. The Novices stormed the Thunder's end throughout the first but were stymied by a hot goaltender.

The Novices finally broke through with five more goals in the second.

Nate Feir scored his first of three, assisted by Matt Chapman and Tom Paul; Mac Monk Cray from Tyler Barry; Julia Fideski added her first of three from Connor Dollo; Jacob Sisson and Spencer Trueman capped the scoring in the second with unassisted markers.

Fideski's hot hand continued in the third when she tapped in her second goal of the game, assisted by Sisson. Nate Feir tapped in a rebound from Chris Hall; Connor Dollo then setup Curtis Ballantyne with a great pass from the right wing boards. Fideski

completed her first ever hat trick thanks to a great feed from Ballantyne and Dollo. Spencer Trueman from line-mates Mac Monk Cray and Kirk Lopez made the score 12 -2.

Nate Feir completed his hat trick late in the third, assisted by Matt Chapman.

Highland Storm schedule

Fri, Dec 10 (Hal) BA @ 7:30 vs Huntsville
Sat, Dec 11 (Hal) AAE SilverStick 8-8 pm
Sat, Dec 11 (Min) PAE SilverStick 8-8 pm
Sun Dec 12 (Hal) AAE/PAE SilverStick
Finals 8-5
Sun Dec 12, all 4 gms in Min. 10 am Tyke vs Gravenhurst
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Red Hawks point guard Conrad Flatman steals a ball from his counterpart during a home game against the Fenelon Falls Falcons.

Red Hawks speed loses out to Falcons' size

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 26
FFSS 50

Finding their first win is proving elusive for the HHSS senior boys' basketball team.

Hot from their Red Hawks Classic Tournament title, won last weekend, the visiting Fenelon Falls Falcons made short work of the Red Hawks who were out-sized at every forward position, giving up at least several inches.

Despite the obvious mismatch, the Red Hawks put forth an effort and intensity worthy of praise.

Head Coach Paul Longo isn't too concerned with the loss since the team's road to the Championships officially includes only AA schools and not AAA schools such as the Falcons.

"We're working towards February. That's when the AA playoffs are," he said.

It may not show on the scoreboard but Longo said the team has made improvements since the start of the season.

"For a quarter and a half we had a ball

game," he said. "We're getting better."

Longo acknowledges his team's lack of size and that the Falcons took advantage but the effort was there throughout the game, even when it was out of reach.

"Our big guys, though, weren't that bad. They didn't always get [the ball] but they tried," he said.

Flatman led team scoring with 16 points.

Red Hawks schedule

Dec. 15 HHSS girls sr. vball 1 p.m.
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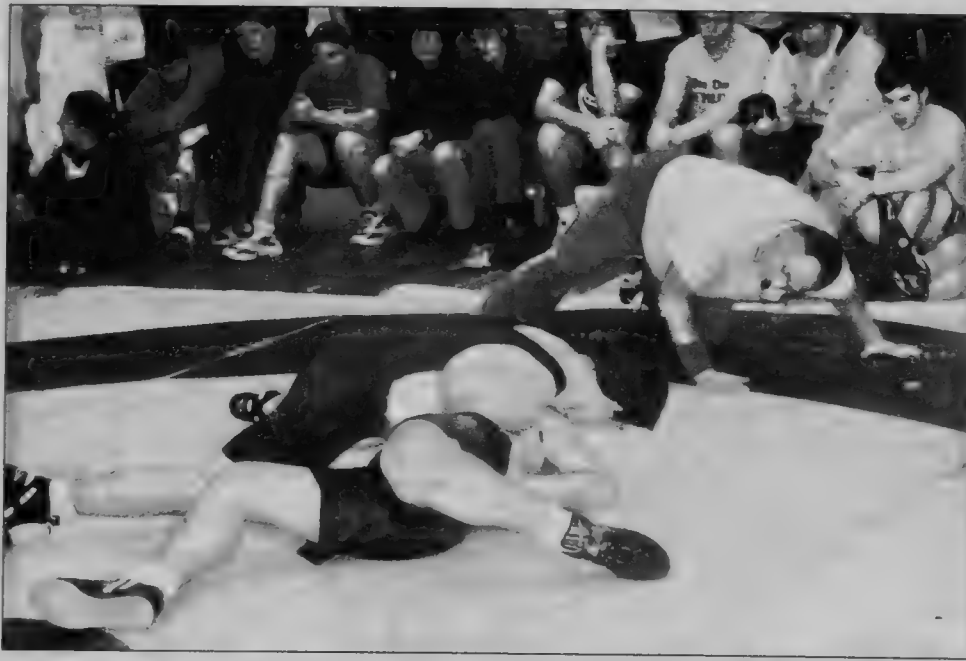
Max Ambridge wrestled well to win four matches in the 127 lb. weight class to earn gold.

Ginny Foulds lost her first match of the tournament, but then continued to win her next four matches to earn the bronze medal.

The team continues improving as the calibre of wrestling at competitions increases.

The Red Hawks Wrestling team is preparing for the next tournament held at Port Hope High School on Wed Dec. 15, 2004.

-- Photos submitted by Paul Klose



Wrestling Results

Gold Medals: Dave Balaski, Max Ambridge

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Bronze Medals: Jordan Collins, Adam DeCarlo, Josh Mayhew, Cole McKnight, Ginny Foulds, Rebecca Ide

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Left: Red Hawks wrestler (on top) Dave Balaski pins his opponent, earning his berth in the finals on his way to a gold medal.

Below: Jake Ruddy finishes an explosive leg attack.

Below left: Ginnie Foulds pins her opponent in one of her five matches



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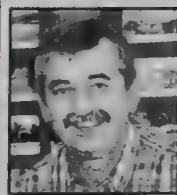
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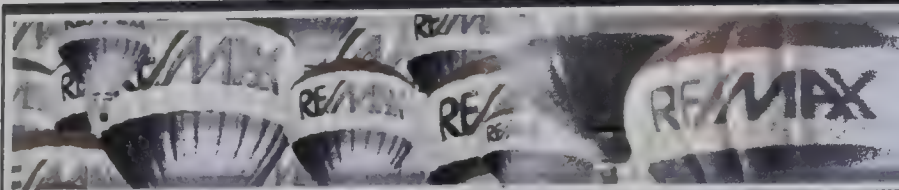
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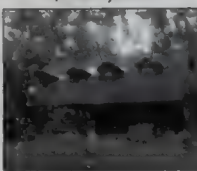
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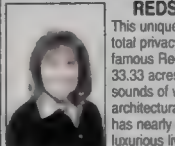
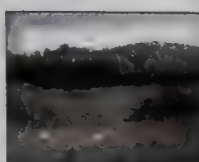
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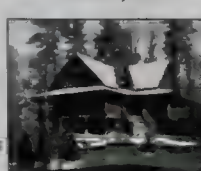


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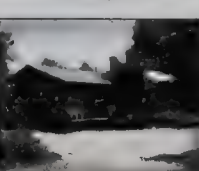
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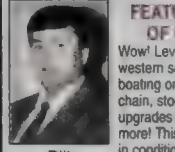
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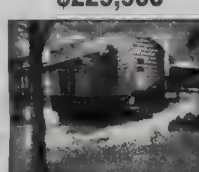


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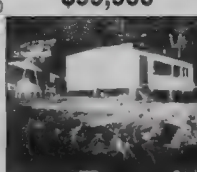
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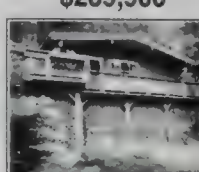


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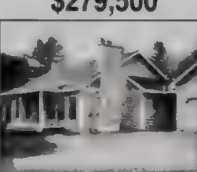
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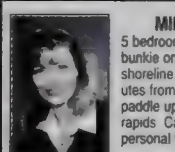
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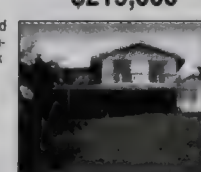


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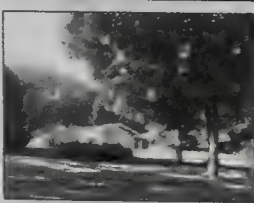


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Not all Christmas stories are happy ones. In fact, it is our expectations of happiness that make this short story by St. Nora's Lake cottager Jim Poling so poignant and moving. It is from his book of short stories, *Lights in Dark Forests: North Country Stories*.

Corporal Kathleen Quinton fingered another occurrence sheet from the in-basket and scanned it with a disinterest punctuated by a weary sigh. Darkness descending on Christmas Eve and still no end to the paperwork. A wall clock, its metallic click, click, click reaching every corner of the three-room detachment, played with her impatience. She forced her eyes back onto the page.

1500 hours 24-12: Attended at Anglican Church. Baby Jesus statue missing from Christmas crèche. Minister's wife upset. Was her great-grandmother's. Wants back for midnight service.

The report, typewritten in clipped, just-the-facts police style, duly noted Mrs. Sanderson's observation that she saw sniffers earlier near the church and no doubt they broke in and stole the statue.

1520 24-12: Attended at Dreamy Valley. No sniffers present. Off shift for Christmas.

She scrawled KQ on the report and tossed it into a drawer stuffed with paperwork that documented the grinding daily existence of Sheshebekong Village. Stolen snowmobile parts. Drug interdictions. Sexual abuse. Fist fights and domestic disputes in which every shred of human dignity disappeared into alcoholic madness. And sniffers. Almost daily reports of kids passed out in the snow at Dreamy Valley, a river's edge garbage pit of spruce bough and cardboard lean-tos where kids as young as six stuffed their faces into bags of gasoline and soared above their miseries. Sometimes they soared forever. Like the 13-year-old who lit a cigarette while sniffing and blew himself inside out. Stoned sniffers scorched and seared themselves during deadly games of sniff 'n' kick in which they kicked bonfire coals at each other's gas-stained clothing.

Problems on top of problems. Quinton filed her thoughts on them along with the paperwork. They went into a deep memory folder marked: Things I Can't Change, locked away where they could not stir any emotions. Especially not tonight. Tonight there would be drinks, laughter, friendship and food; respite from the spirit-busting work of holding back the social dike always threatening to burst and sweep away the community. There would be dinner and a bonfire and a non-denominational midnight service at the Anglican Church, the unofficial village centre since gas-sniffing kids set fire to the community hall.

Quinton snapped off the lights and turned the locks as she stepped out onto the snowy path to Al Creighton's general store. Work was ended, but her memory file refused to call it a day. She tried slamming it shut by listening to the squeaky crunch of her footsteps on frozen snow. She tilted her head and let the northern night



Sniffy

A Christmas story by Jim Poling
from his book *Lights in Dark Forests: North Country Stories*

fall on her face, filling her nostrils with clarifying coolness; cleansing distressing visions from her eyes. Still her mind returned to the occurrence report drawer. She had spent 20 years policing the bush country, always single and with more time than others to observe cultures and traits. There was something odd about the Baby Jesus theft. It was only a hunch but she would bet a week's pay that an Indian kid wanting to lift something from a manger scene always would pick an animal. A donkey. A camel. A sheep. No matter how out-

side influences might twist their thinking, these kids retained a remarkable affinity with nature. An animal was something that could be used; a baby represented problems.

"Hey, finally! You been out solving all the unsolved crimes of the century?" Al Creighton's boisterous welcome and glowing cheeks broadcast the good cheer inside, plus the fact he had already opened the Christmas supply of Hudson's Bay over-proof rum. Other happy voices spilled through the doorway from the base of a

magnificent tree that filled one end of the room with a golden green glow and the light turpentine scent of balsam. Al's wife, Jean, added finishing touches of gold tinsel, assisted by Don Sander-son who, despite his



six-foot-two height and Ichibod Crane stretch, could reach only two-thirds up the tree. Others, gathered

in conversation clutches, offered jocular advice.

"A little bit higher, Don. Oops, watch he's going to fall into it!"

The store's living quarters hummed with good feeling that held back a fortress atmosphere pressing against its outside walls. Beyond those walls the ugliness of Sheshebekong played out in unheated shacks rank with the sour stink of fresh whiskey and stale urine. Outside the walls people continued to hurt but the people inside, the police officers, the storekeepers, the nurses, the pilot, the teachers and social workers needed relief from it, if only for a few minutes. The burden of providing order and care in a community that had lost its heart and its soul demanded relief, no matter how brief.

Those few minutes of escape ended when Tracey Reesor, one of the nurses, forgot herself and recalled the incident of that afternoon. "I saw that kid Sniffy stumbling down the path from the church today. He was hugging something in his jacket but he could hardly walk straight." She turned to Kathleen. "Can't you lock him up on some pretense? He is dying on his feet. He'll never see spring if he's not kept out of Dreamy Valley."

"I guess you were right," said Kathleen, looking at Joan Sanderson, the minister's wife. "He must have the statue, but God only knows where he has gone with it." There was an emphasis on the word gone and it transmitted a reluctance to do anything about it now. "As far as locking him up, I'd have to release him in 12 hours and he'd be back at it."

"He's the worst of them," offered Janice Kraiker, one of the social workers. "A real bad head case. His dad took off into the bush to try to straighten himself out but the mother hasn't been sober in weeks. I don't understand how they don't freeze to death in that shack."

"One of them did," said Al. "She's the one whose newborn froze two winters ago while they were passed out and the older kids were down at a Dreamy Valley bonfire."

"Anything new on when the commission's report is coming?" someone asked in the hope of shutting down the conversation. Mention of the commission often sent eyes rolling and turned talk to other topics.

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The government inquiry was a giant microscope of lawyers, social activists, reporters and TV cameras that hovered over the north for two years, magnifying problems for examination. Its final report was due any day and was supposed to provide some insights into how to deal with the growing tragedies of northern native communities. In the meantime, the consensus was to wait and do nothing.

"They won't recommend dick-all that will help," said the pilot, tossing his blonde head back for an emphasis often taken by others as arrogance. "The best thing is to reopen the residential school system. That's the only way we'll get

these kids out to where it's safe and they can get educated."

"You're not serious, Jim!" Janice burst out in disbelief. "That's how these people got into this mess. They can't be assimilated."

"They have to get back to the land," someone else said. "When people lose their language, they lose their culture and then they lose themselves."

"Oh, for God's sakes," snapped Tracey, "will going back to the land and learning Oji-Cree help that little girl who came in the other day with cardiac arrhythmia from the fumes? I asked her why she sniffs and you know what she said? She said: 'The gas helps me see my dad in Heaven and that makes me happy.'"

The conversation quickened and hardened but its intensity brought the group no closer to consensus. Arguments went from one extreme to another: governments are incapable of understanding the cultural complexities of helping the natives regain dignity; natives must learn to help themselves without government interference; transport all sniffers to outside rehab centres; pulling kids out by their roots worsens the situation.

"Sheshebekong has to work out its own problems" said Eddie Monture, one of Kathleen's constables whose mixed blood left him straddling both cultures, leaving him comfortable in neither. "That's what the hoop dance is all about. The hoops represent problems that the dancer must overcome himself. Even the spirits can't help him."

The conversation became too intense for Al Creighton. "People, people, people. It's a time for joy. Grab a drink and some food before we head up to the church."

Sniffy

Don and Joan Sanderson outdid themselves in decorating the cabin-sized church for the midnight gathering and for the Christmas service the next morning. Six-foot jack pine tops and balsams made a small forest on the altar area, clear lights blinking in their high boughs just like the real stars in the forest canopy outside. Plywood cutouts of deer peeked from inside the forest, their painted eyes focused on a manger of white birch logs. A bearded Joseph bent on one knee beside a radiant Mary. Three shepherds in rags joined them in staring blankly into a cradle filled with straw still showing the weight depression left by its recent occupant, the polished marble Baby Jesus.

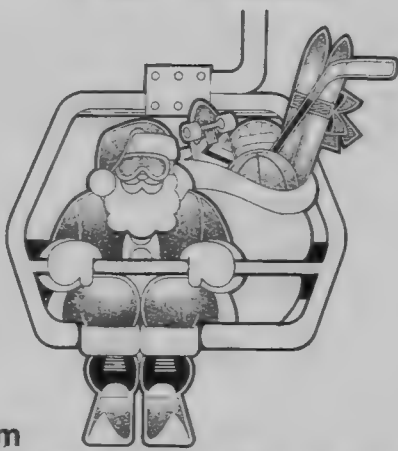
The little log church offered neither place to sit nor stand by the time Rev. Sanderson opened the service, precisely at midnight. The village elite, those who attended the festivities at Al Creighton's plus some others, occupied the front rows but not because they coveted the best seats or because they arrived early. The back seats were filled earlier by the village regulars, shy people whose nature was to avoid being front and centre.

"Friends, tonight we celebrate not just one of the great feasts of Christianity but one of the most remarkable events in the world's history." The voice was deep and powerful, not reedy thin as you would expect from his heron-like figure, and the speaking style was more conversational than preachy. "No matter what your denomination, no matter what your beliefs..."

The church door creaked open and the minister's voice trailed off as his eyes left the congregation and focused on the boy walking unsteadily down the aisle toward him. The boy was about 11 with hair the color and texture of wet coal dust and eyes that were deeper black and would have been striking if not for their wet blariness. He wore the uniform of winter kids everywhere, a brightly colored nylon ski jacket, but his was frayed at the elbows and cuffs and dirty and stained, not with spots but with the zipper length splashes of siphoning spills. He weaved down the

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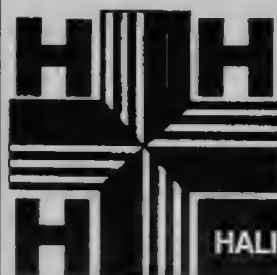
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Sniffy

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aisle, feet clumping in oversize snowmobile moon boots, sometimes bumping into a pew side. Gas fumes floated in his crooked wake causing people to raise hands to their mouths.

"It's Sniffy," whispered Tracey, nudging Kathleen.

Sniffy stared straight ahead as he approached the manger. He knelt, losing his balance but gripping even more tightly the bundle cradled protectively in both arms. Now steady on both knees he removed the bundle's torn gray blanket covering, revealing the bright white baby Christ figure. He leaned forward and placed it gently on its straw bed. From his jacket he awkwardly pulled another blanket, newer and cleaner and brighter with brown puppies frolicking across a blue background. It was his baby brother's blanket, the one that was supposed to be on him the night he died. He laid the puppy blanket over the Baby Jesus then placed the ragged blanket on top of that.

"There baby, you won't be cold now," his slurred words audible only to Rev. Sanderson and the people in the first pew.

Kathleen stared, incredulous. Her cop instincts had been wrong but her woman's instincts wanted her to reach out for the kid whose gassed brain made the connection between a naked baby in a cold church and a naked baby who died in a freezing shanty down the road. She started to get up from the pew but Eddie Monture touched her elbow.

"Let him be. Don't spoil his dream."

Sniffy got to his feet, turned and with eyes pinned to the plank flooring half ran, half stumbled down the aisle, through the still open door and out into the cruelty of a northern Christmas night.

Dawn brought what everyone hopes for at Christmas, a rising yellow-pink sun warming a crystal sky to the color of new ice. The kind of dawn that

promises renewal and change for the better. Kathleen Quinton had not planned to witness this dawn. The couple of extra beers around the bonfire after the church gathering had left her head too foggy for an early rising, but the shrill call of the telephone just before dawn changed that. Now she found herself listening to her lungs protest the minus 25 air and watching her feet slipping down the well-packed path to Dreamy Valley.

She smelled the smoke even before the path opened onto the littered meadow beside the river. Eddie Monture was there with a couple of elders. They moved carefully through the site sorting debris, although there was nothing important left to find. White ash was all that remained of two of the largest lean-tos. The important evidence lay in five mounds, each covered with freshly cut spruce boughs. Kathleen swallowed hard to keep her stomach down and removed the branches from one. The little face was charred crisp but the remnants of the yellow jacket and moon boots told her it was Sniffy. She flipped the branches back over the body, wanting to cry and vomit at the same time.

Eddie approached and looked at her with eyes that showed hurt and confusion about what to say, what to do next.

"Why?" Kathleen asked. "Why do they do this? They are only kids."

An Ojibway elder with a pack on his back and a rifle in his right hand had snowshoed into the edge of the clearing behind them. He had a cracked leather face framed by gray braids and looked like that guy Joe on the TV series *North of 60*. He was on his way out to check his traplines north of the village. He heard the woman's anguished questions, stopped and looked at her with dark eyes that were bush hard but wise and understanding.

"Zaagtood," he said gently. "Love. They just wanted to be loved."

—Jim Poling



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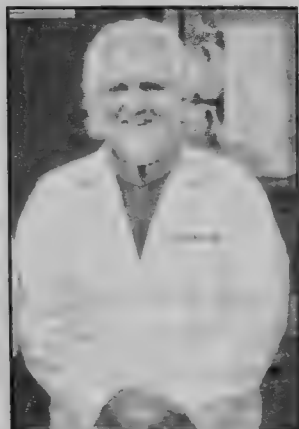
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Perry and Kay Morrison visited in Bowmanville on the weekend of Dec. 4 with Perry's brother, Cecil and his wife, Betty. Nora and Steve Lay joined them as they visited Carrie (Morrison) Drysdale at the nursing home in Bowmanville.

Home Support communication for December includes much information as to services. Office hours now until week of 27th, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., but closing on Dec. 24th at 3 p.m. and open Jan. 3rd. Wheels to meals, call 754-1711 for 3rd

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Many thanks to all who brighten there

December nights with their beautiful colourful lights.

To all the Guilford readers, my own greeting:

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Of love, beauty, peace and light,
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Eleanor Cooper

754-2388



Parade feeds

The Haliburton and District Lions Club had its most successful food drive ever at the recent Haliburton Santa Claus Parade. Jennifer Lawr and her brother-in-law James Lawr are two of the Lions who helped with the collecting. Ave Petch, a long time volunteer at the 4Cs, was there to help the Lions move the contributions into their own carts. The club also collected a total of \$175.85 in cash donations and thanks all of Haliburton for their wonderful generosity at this time of year.

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As I watched the delighted expressions on the children's faces as they came forward to share a moment or two with Santa Claus and have their pictures taken, I could not help but remember a poem I once read. The opening lines of the poem were, "Give us the faith of innocent children, that we may look forward with hope in our hearts, to the dawn of happy tomorrows." I thought of how old I was that I had almost forgotten how to stand and gaze enraptured on a Christmas tree and feel that old

delight in whispering in Santa's ear just what I wanted for Christmas. I looked about the room at the parents and grandparents and I hoped for their sake that they too were feeling some of that great joy of their youth. The hall appeared to be filled with chaos and noise; however, as I watched a little girl skip across the floor to take her turn with Santa, I hoped the parents waiting for their children could remember how they jumped into bed and counted on their fingers just how many days it would be until Christmas morning. I wished that they

might look through their children's eyes and be captivated by the spell binding magic of Christmas.

Christmastime is a special time and I am pleased we were able to bring such delight to the children who attended The Loop Children's Christmas Party held at the Lloyd Watson Centre. It was a wondrous sight to see and I thank all the people who made this much-anticipated yearly event possible. A big note of thanks to Santa Claus for visiting and chatting with all the little boys and girls. We are grateful for Bud Storey and the special role he played. Kudos go out to the Pathfinder Elves Jenna Scott, Kayla Scott, Kristine Godfrey,

Leah Grant, Carolyn Barnes, Kristyn Hutt, Katelyn Hutt, Amy Travis and their leader Cathy Rogers. Your scrumptious goodies, refreshments and help were much appreciated. We give thanks to the firefighters who prepared and distributed treats to all the children; to parade organizer Lynn Waugh; to photographer Tammy Donaldson; to gift wrappers Amanda Lewis, Amanda Mulley, Megan Agnew, Angela Scott, Sandy Saxby, Roberta Walsh, Marian Donaldson, Orval Donaldson, Mel Smith and Laura Fedeau; to Clara Burt and Christine London for leading the Christmas sing-a-long; and to Julia Walsh and Will Bose for all their help. I thank all the young people who helped me decorate the stage and clean up after. A special thanks goes out to all of

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Aaron was awesome

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our sponsors, the businesses and individuals who have made monetary donations over the years to make this special day possible. Their unselfish generosity strengthened and enriched the lives of the children of The Loop Community. Giving from the heart – a special part of what Christmas is all about. What a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit!

This was my fourth year as a Santa Elf and president of the Santa Fund. I can only describe it as an inspirational event, appealing not only to the 100 children who visited Santa but to the child in all of us who were privileged to provide this service. To me it brought back the magical feeling of the season and I am proud to have been part of such a special holiday

event. I look forward to next year's Loop Children's Christmas Party and Parade.

This past week I had the opportunity to see *Bugsy Malone* at Haliburton Highlands High School. This production started out as an idea by a motivated educator, Elke Zilla, who thinks outside of the box. This locally developed course's objective was to bring together community mentors (seniors) and students through creating and producing this excellent production. The Tip Toe Tappers, (Senior Community Mentors) of Helen Baker, Nel van der Grient, Carol Bowker and Ann Maher and the grade 11 and 12 students working together in the play, celebrated the differences and similarities between young and old. As the drama unfolded it was quick to see that each group profited from the



Aaron Donaldson was one of the stars in *Bugsy Malone*.

other. The adolescents offered up the right amount of zest and zeal to put this type of feet-tapping, finger-clicking drama on while the seniors added something very special to the production.

I was pleasantly surprised to see Aaron Donaldson of Harcourt in the play. Aaron played the part of Fizzy Bangers and successfully brought his own natural, unassuming manner into the play creating a real Fizzy character. Aaron sounded quite accomplished as he wistfully sang his song *Tomorrow*. It takes courage to get out on a stage to sing and act and Aaron has shown he has the character to do that. A job well done, Aaron!

Elke believes character matters and believes this can evolve through drama. The students of her class gave an excellent presentation and I wish Elke and her students all the best in their future endeavours.

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This lovely couple (going for a sleigh ride) is part of the Christmas display at the Strongs house on Essonville Line.

The Strongs display is a must-see

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The Christmas Spirit continues to spread and the excitement of decorating homes has caught hold of many people in the area. I enjoyed a trip out to see the outdoors light festival the other night. We would recommend a family excursion to view the lights on the homes in Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce and Tory Hill. Do include a side trip to see Ruth and Larry Strong's home on the Essonville Line. Ruth and Larry have created a Winter Wonderland scene that would rival Cullen Gardens. A real must to see.

Don't forget Harcourt Community Centre continues to offer:

December 15 - Bingo Wednesday

evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

December 16 - Progressive Euchre Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Join the excitement and fun of Euchre. Euchre Nights at Harcourt Community Centre have been designated as a smoke free evening. A break is provided in order that people might smoke outdoors. Join the tradition and fun of Euchre. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

December 19 - 7 p.m. The Harcourt Community Chapel will hold its Candlelight Carol Service. Everyone is welcome!

December 31 - Harcourt Community Centre Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by dance at 8:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy a delicious dinner and dance to the great sounds of "Willie and The Poor Boys". Cost only \$40 a couple for Dinner and Dance. Advance tickets are available - call Ross Covert at 448 3196 and get your ticket soon. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Time of dance has been changed from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Santa Claus comes to Wilberforce for an early visit of cheer and joy

Wilberforce News
by Hilda Clark, 448-2048

Santa Claus visited Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004 for the Loop Santa Parade and Party. About one hundred children visited with Santa and those ten and under received a present. The local volunteer firefighters had an important role in the parade including bringing Santa to the LWM Centre on one of their trucks. They provided a generous bag of candy for the children and even for a few "older kids" too. Thanks to Lynn Waugh for her work on the parade and those who took part in it. Among those taking part was a Legion and L.A. colour party and float, several businesses including two beautifully dressed white horses ridden by Jocelyn Donaldson and Kristy

Smith, the Pathfinder elves and various fire vehicles. The snowmen on Agnew's float were quite striking. Deserving of thanks are: Valerie Smith, Roberta Walsh, Tammy Donaldson, Kathy Rogers and May Barker and the Pathfinders, the Firefighters and Clara Burt.

May we add our condolences to Luann Spada, her family and friends as she and they mourn the death of Luann's father Louis (Lou) Moody. After several months in hospital and much suffering Lou died on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Haliburton Hospital. A memorial service was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624, Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004 to remember their comrade who had served in WWII with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. He was 80. Lou will be greatly missed by his family and his good buddies at the Legion.

The annual Community Ecumenical Carol Service was well attended on Sunday, Dec. 12. Held at the Wilberforce United Church it was organized by leaders at St. Margaret's Anglican Church. The gentlemen of Song were out in good numbers in spite of the snow. In addition to leading all the Carols their special anthems included: The Birthday of a King; Still, Still, Still; and We'll Sing Hosanna. Readers of lessons represented the United Church, Anglican, Roman Catholic and the Essonville Historic Church. Thanks to Rev. Sharon Melvin for organizing the program, to the choir and their leader Margaret Jeske, Elsie Lewis at the organ and piano and to United Church Minister Ceri Rees for welcoming all to his church and leading until Rev. Melvin arrived. One of the request

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Money raised through BEAR program

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carols proved a surprise and a hot – Good King Wenceslas with Marg Jeske singing the part of the Page and Stan Beard a wonderful King. A fine evening helping each and everyone feel Christmas in their hearts.

Eileen Agnew reports a great year for the Buy Enjoy And Return (B.E.A.R). program. They have a window sill and a rack of mostly paper back books at the entrance to the post office. This year people gave and bought a pile of books, raising twelve hundred dollars from this effort. \$700 was given to the local Highlands East Firefighters and \$500 has been sent to the Haliburton Hospital. Amazing how such an unassuming project can be so successful.

The Christmas Open House at the Historic Outpost Museum last Thursday was pleasant. The afternoon time was a get-together with good conversation over

hot apple cider, coffee and Christmas goodies. The evening session was a memorable time at which the Guides and the Pathfinders and their leaders gathered for an annual visit to our National Historic Site. Cindy Ablett and Gail Alden and the Guides made several presentations of readings and poetry. Mary barker and Kathy Rogers and the Pathfinders provided several enjoyable games and activities. What a great bunch of young girls and faithful interested leaders these people are.

Adding to the enjoyment was the presence of baby Michael and Braiden and Drew. The W. Heritage Guild appreciates the community participation in the Outpost Museum activities.

The historic Essonville Church will open its doors for an old fashioned Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 19. It begins at 7 p.m. and promises to be a fine service of song and story lit by candle and kerosene lamp



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Hot cider and history mix well at the Red Cross Outpost Historical Hospital in Wilberforce where Nadeen Sanderson, Hilda Clark, and Flo Elliott swapped stories last week at the Christmas open house.



Santa spotting

Santa Claus was spotted at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Sunday afternoon following their parade. (from left) Two-year-old Jordan Meharrie is not as happy as older brother Dylan Smith, 5, and friend Nichole Honderich, 9, who sit on Santa's lap. More than a hundred children received a Christmas gift at the annual Wilberforce Christmas party that included seasonal treats and drinks. Organizers wish to thank Highlands East Fire Department, Lynn Waugh and Valerie and Mel Smith).

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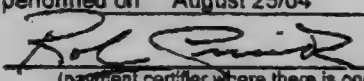
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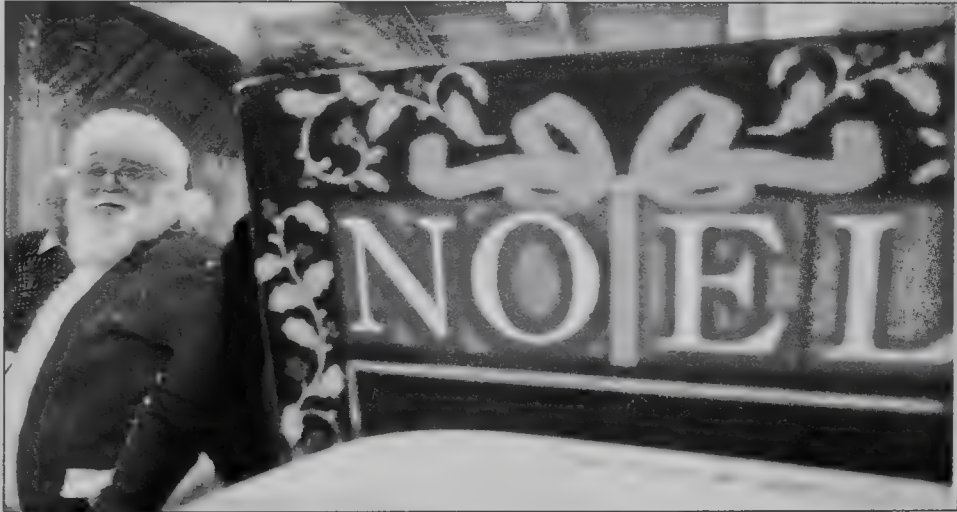
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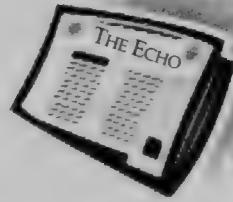
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350 WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

On October 30th, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.
TAMMY & PAUL WILSON
pledged their love in marriage. You are invited to attend the wedding reception.
Reception:
Haliburton Legion
Date:
December 18, 2004
Time:
8:00 p.m.
Tickets \$5.00 per person available at the door.
Friends and family welcome.

380 BIRTHS

BOWEN - Ryley and Paige are pleased to announce the arrival of their new brother
CAMDEN JASON
Born November 23, 2004. Weight 8 lbs. 2 ozs. Proud parents are Jason and Tasha Bowen. Grandparents are Rodney & Geraldine Bowen and Rosslyn Viscoff.

390 PUBLIC NOTICES

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HENDRIK VAN DEN HAZEL

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of HENDRICK VAN DEN HAZEL also known as HENDRIK VAN DEN HAZEL, late, of the Township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 25th day of November, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 4th day of January, 2005.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 3rd day of December, 2004. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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THE LATE
GRENVILLE LLOYD ALLEN
SHOLER**

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of GRENVILLE LLOYD ALLEN SHOLER, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 1st day of December, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 4th day of January, 2005.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 7th day of December, 2004. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

BILLINGS, NORA - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who passed away November 16, 2001.

God took her home,
It was his will.
But in our hearts
She liveth still.
Love always **All the Family**.

450 IN MEMORIAM

DAWSON, CLIFFORD - In loving memory of a dear father who passed away December 12, 1997. Nothing can ever take away The love a heart holds dear, Fond memories linger every day, Remembrance keeps him near. Always remembered and sadly missed by **daughter Kathy and son-in-law Keith**.

STEWART, BERNEICE - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who passed away Dec. 12, 2002. Memories are a beautiful thing They last till the end of time You can't give them away And they won't fade away They will be cherished to end of your day Love always, **Dawn, Brier and families, great grandchildren Ashley and Thomas**.

STEWART, BERNEICE - In memory of our mom who passed away December 12, 2002.

Every day in some small way, Memories of you come our way. Though absent, you are ever near, Still missed, loved, always dear. Always, **Brier and Dawn**.

460 OBITUARIES

**AT REST
NOEL WHITMORE
GRIFFIN**

**Passed away suddenly at home
in West Guilford on Sunday,
December 5, 2004.**

At the age of 76.

Beloved husband of Theo Eileen Griffin (nee Simms). Dear father of Robert and Sandy, Neilson and Sheila, Dale and Rochelle, Chris, Brian and Kerann, Terry and Sharon. Loving grandfather of Jerry and Denise, Brittany, Natalie, and Ian. Dear brother of Joan (Stan) Young, Wayne (Kit) Griffin. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation followed. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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FAGAN, LAURA (Resident of West Guilford, Ontario) - Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday afternoon, December 6, 2004 in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late Garnet Fagan. Loving mother of Gloria (Gerald Wagg) & Joan McKay. Dear step-mother to Sally (Jack White), Linda Lewis and Sandra Crompton. Dear sister of Effie, Stella, Laverne, Mabel & Elaine. Predeceased by her daughters Caryl, Linda and her son Boyd, her stepsons Ted and Dennis Fagan and her sister Barbara. Fondly remembered by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and friends. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, December 9, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Friday afternoon, December 10, 2004 at 3 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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PITTS, EARL CEPHAS - Entered into rest at Caressant Care Nursing Home in Lindsay on Friday, December 10, 2004. Earl, in his 90th year, was the beloved husband of Phyllis (nee Thurston) Pitts and the late Lenora (nee Kennedy, 1987). Loving father of Lynda Burley (George) of Minden and Gary (Anne) of Gifford. Grandfather of Andrew, Juliet & Kyle. Dear brother of Frank, Carlton and Loretta and predeceased by brothers of Stan and Alvin. Visitation was at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was in the chapel on Monday, December 13th at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Dunsford Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Gideons or Fairview Baptist Church would be appreciated by the family.

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- Dec. 15:** Big Buck Bingo at Kinmount Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Wed., Dec. 15th at 11 a.m. For more info. call 448-3462.
- Dec. 15:** Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-Along". Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Lochlin Road off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas Goodies. Donations to the Food Bank gratefully accepted.
- Dec. 15:** The Ontario Early Years Centre, is offering a FREE Wilberforce Cooking Corner program on Wed., Dec. 15th. Held at Lloyd Watson Community Centre from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.
- Dec. 16:** Ontario Early Years Centre, Minden - Christmas Party & Potluck Lunch, Thurs., Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for Christmas crafts, music circle and a visit from Santa Claus! Please bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) for your child. Please sign up for the potluck lunch, OEYC will provide the ham and beverages. Call 286-1770.
- Dec. 16:** The Ontario Early Years Centre, is offering a FREE Well Baby Clinic on Thurs., Dec. 16th. Held at Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (behind Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.
- Dec. 17:** Gooderham United Church Music Night (for one night only) - Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m. Hear the power of incomparable Ashley Sharpe and the soloist vocality Carol Cowley. Let Dave Hawley touch our soul with his claret.
- Dec. 19:** (Advent IV - Love). Lessons and Carols Service at 9 a.m. presented by the Zion United Church Choir. Cantata Service at 11 a.m. presented by the Minden United Church Choir.
- Dec. 21:** Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals at the Dominion Hotel in Minden for a delicious lunch and get together before Christmas. Luncheon begins at 11:30. To make reservations please call Myrtle Bouthoorn at 754-1711.
- Dec. 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be meeting tonight. We wish all a Merry Xmas and a Happy Holiday Season. Our next meeting is January 18/05 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- Dec. 22:** Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals at Win Yeung's in Haliburton. This lunch begins at 12 noon. This will be Home Supports last luncheon before Christmas. To make reservations please call Aileen Bruce at 457-3375.
- Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. There will be services for the United Church: Gooderham at 7 p.m. and Wilberforce at 8:15 p.m. All welcome.
- Dec. 24:** St. George's, Haliburton - Family friendly service of Holy Eucharist with the Silver Flutes. Dec. 24 at 3 p.m.
- Dec. 24:** St. Margaret's Wilberforce, Carol sing followed at 7:30 p.m. w/ Holy Eucharist. Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve - Family Service at Minden United Church at 7 p.m. Communion Service at Maple Lake United Church at 9 p.m.
- Dec. 25 & 26:** St. George's & St. Margaret's - Dec. 25, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Both churches on December 26th will be having a service of Lessons & Carols at regular service times.
- Dec. 27-30:** YMCA Wanakita - Christmas Break Residential/Day Camp. What a way to spend the school break! Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, cook outs, tobogganing down cardiac hill, crafts, broomball and much more. Dec. 27-30. Call us at 457-2132 for more info or go on our web-site www.ymca-wanakita.on.ca to register.

ON GOING EVENTS

- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games? Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Now until May/05: The Heart & Stroke Walking Clubs are ongoing at Archie Stouffer P.S. in Minden and at Haliburton District High School in Haliburton, every school day, from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m. Keep fit and keep your heart healthy.
- Now until May 30: Adult Badminton - Started Monday, Sept. 20 to May 30/05. Archie Stouffer Public School, 8:00 - 10 p.m. Bring running shoes and racquet. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
- Now until June: Adult Women's Basketball is played on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. Players of all skill levels are welcome. For more info call Emma at 457-2506.
- Now until June: Highland Hills Pastoral Charge Youth Group Schedule. If you like sports: Swimming, rock climbing, gift making and community projects, skiing/snowboarding at Sir Sam's, Paintball, Canoeing/Kayaking on the Gull River, Wild Water & Wheels in Peterborough ... then join us. We offer a relaxed, interdenominational approach to Christianity and an opportunity to be together with other youth. Call: 286-1470 or e-mail: highhills@intehop.net

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

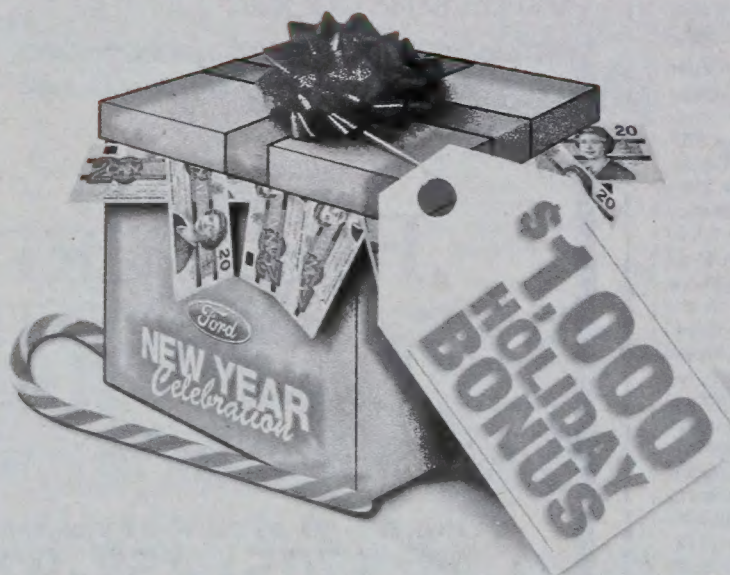
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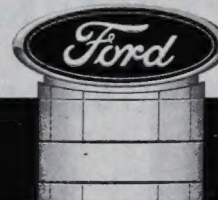
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